

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### A PROCLAMATION THANKING SPECIALIST ZACH MILLER FOR HIS SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY

**HON. ROBERT W. NEY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 25, 2005*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Specialist Zach Miller has served his nation in Baghdad, Iraq since January 21, 2005; and

Whereas, Specialist Zach Miller is to be commended for the honor and bravery that he displayed while serving our Nation in this time of war in Kuwait from December 27, 2004 until January 2005; and

Whereas, Specialist Zach Miller has demonstrated a commitment to meet challenges with enthusiasm, confidence, and outstanding service earning the Accommodation Medal while stationed at Anaconda Training Camp in Baghdad, Iraq.

Therefore, I join with the family, friends, and the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in thanking Specialist Zach Miller for his service to our country. Your service has made us proud.

### IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF MARCIA LIEBERMAN

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 25, 2005*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Marcia Lieberman. A pillar of the community in Stamford, CT, Marcia was best known as Senator JOSEPH LIEBERMAN's mother. She became an iconic figure in the press while campaigning for her son in 2000 and 2004. A devout Jew, she was extremely active in the Jewish community and spoke fluent Yiddish. She often made care packages for reporters which included lip balm, an apple, bagel chips and postcards to send to their mothers. She was also known for pointing out reporters from her hometown newspaper, The Stamford Advocate, at press conferences.

Marcia married a bakery truck driver named Henry Lieberman in 1940 and the couple opened a small liquor store shortly afterward. During this time they had three children together: Joseph, Rietta and Ellen. She was also active in helping out the Boy Scouts and the Girl Scouts, Riverton Library, Jewish Family Services, and Hadassah.

Marcia touched the lives of everyone she came into contact with. This was most evident at her funeral, which was attended by more than 700 family members and friends. She was remembered most for her kindness, words of wisdom, and her sense of humor. In his eulogy, Senator LIEBERMAN recounted that after her pulse shot to 190, she asked her car-

diologist what caused such palpitations. He told her, "Sometimes it's love," and she responded, "But I just met you."

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Marcia Lieberman, who came to be known as "America's Jewish grandmother" through her charm and wit on the campaign trail and in her everyday life. The infinite measure of her heart, combined with her courage, vision and integrity, defined her life. I extend my deepest condolences to her friends and family members, especially my friend, Senator JOE LIEBERMAN.

### HONORING MRS. SUSIE QUINN

**HON. JEB HENSARLING**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 25, 2005*

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to honor Mrs. Susie Quinn for her outstanding commitment and service to the city of Rowlett, TX. Mrs. Quinn has been Rowlett's City Secretary for the past 3 years and was recently recognized for excellence in her profession. In June, she was named Municipal Clerk of the Year by North Texas Municipal Clerk's Association.

Mrs. Quinn was the City Secretary of Eastland, TX, and later the City Secretary of Tye, TX, before joining the City of Rowlett in 2002. Mrs. Quinn is a Texas Registered Municipal Clerk, a position that requires intensive and continual training to achieve and maintain certification. She has been a member of the North Texas Municipal Clerks Association, NTMCA, for 6 years, where she currently serves as Treasurer.

Mrs. Quinn was honored at the NTMCA Bluebonnet Chapter's 10th Anniversary banquet, where city representatives Mayor Shane Johnson, Council Member Becky Sebastian, then Acting City Manager George Harris and others were on hand to commend her outstanding work.

Mrs. Quinn is a positive example of an effective public servant working to make her community and her country a better place to live. Mrs. Quinn, on behalf of all of the constituents of the Fifth Congressional District of Texas, especially those in Rowlett, I would like to extend our most sincere thanks for a job well done.

### A PROCLAMATION CONGRATULATING GUNNERY SERGEANT SCOTT STUBBS FOR RECEIVING THE NAVY AND MARINE CORPS COMMENDATION MEDAL

**HON. ROBERT W. NEY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 25, 2005*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Gunnery Sergeant Scott Stubbs has valiantly served in Iraq from August 2004 to February 2005 as a member of the United States Marines Wing Support Squadron 472; and

Whereas, Gunnery Sergeant Scott Stubbs is to be commended for the honor and bravery that he displayed while serving our Nation in this time of war; and

Whereas, Gunnery Sergeant Scott Stubbs has demonstrated a commitment to meet challenges with enthusiasm, confidence, and outstanding service earning the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal for his outstanding actions;

Therefore, I join with the family, friends, and the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in congratulating Gunnery Sergeant Scott Stubbs of the United States Marine Corps for his service to our country. Your service has made us proud.

### IN HONOR OF THE JULIA DE BURGOS CULTURAL ARTS CENTER'S PRESENTATION OF THE 37TH ANNUAL PUERTO RICAN PARADE AND LATINO FESTIVAL

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 25, 2005*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the Julia de Burgos Cultural Arts Center's presentation of the 37th Annual Puerto Rican Parade and Latino Festival, held on July 22, 23 and 24, 2005, in Cleveland, Ohio.

Every year, the leaders of our Puerto Rican community have organized an event that promises to highlight the magnificent history and culture of Puerto Rico. Americans of Puerto Rican heritage are an integral facet of the rich diversity of Cleveland, providing immeasurable contributions within all aspects of American society.

This wonderful presentation of will once again include treasures of Puerto Rico, including culinary offerings, arts, novelties, crafts, dance and song. Clevelanders of all ages and of every ethnic background will gather in downtown Cleveland to share in the celebration of this joyous event.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and celebration of the leaders, members and participants of the 37th Annual Puerto Rican Parade and Latino Festival: This spirited event promises to create a bridge of celebration from Puerto Rico to Cleveland for all whom attend. The history and culture of the beloved island of Puerto Rico springs to life every summer as the sounds and sights of Puerto Rico rise in hope, joy and celebration in downtown Cleveland, enriching the diverse fabric of our entire Cleveland community.

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# RECOGNIZING THE GARLAND WELLNESS INITIATIVE

**HON. JEB HENSARLING**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 25, 2005*

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to recognize the City of Garland as well as the organizers and participants of the Garland Wellness Initiative pilot program. This innovative new program encourages healthy lifestyles and physical fitness in an effort to offset rising healthcare costs.

For several months, 30 participants have undergone physical exams, blood tests, and met weekly to discuss eating habits, nutrition, exercise, and preventative healthcare options. As a whole, the group lost over 700 pounds and several applicants were able to reduce or eliminate diabetes and hypertension medications. The group reported significant reductions in their sugar consumption and a large portion felt an overall increase in energy.

The Wellness Initiative pilot program proved to be a cost-efficient way to advocate healthy lifestyle choices. Participants in the program were able to see savings in their medical care drop by approximately \$400 per person.

Today, I also want to provide special recognition to two outstanding individuals, Rick French, the Benefit Manager for the City's Human Resource Risk Management Department, and Marcia Upson, a family nurse practitioner, who came together to create the Garland Wellness Initiative and helped make the pilot program such a tremendous success.

# A PROCLAMATION IN MEMORY OF DOLORES C. HORNER

**HON. ROBERT W. NEY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 25, 2005*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, I hereby offer my heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Dolores C. Horner; and

Whereas, Dolores C. Horner was born on May 17, 1930, in Bridgeport, Ohio; and

Whereas, Dolores C. Horner was preceded in death by her husband, Robert W. Horner, to whom she was devoted and dearly loved; and

Whereas, Dolores C. Horner was an adoring daughter, sister, wife, and mother to the members of her family. She was the mother of six, a son Richard W. Horner and five daughters, Louise C. Matusik, Sharlene M. Howard, Phyllis J. Grubb, Judith R. Works, and Robyn L. Shaheen. Dolores C. Horner was a dedicated grandmother to seventeen and great-grandmother to thirty-four; and

Whereas, Dolores C. Horner was a faithful member of Riverview Bible Church in Wheeling, West Virginia; and

Whereas, the understanding and caring to which Dolores C. Horner gave to others will stand as a monument to a truly fine person. Her life and love gave joy to all who knew her.

Therefore, while I understand how words cannot express our grief at this most trying of times, I offer this token of profound sympathy to the family and friends of Dolores C. Horner.

# IN HONOR OF DR. JULIUS ZOLTAN NADAS, LEADER OF THE HUN- GARIAN WORLD CONGRESS

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 25, 2005*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Dr. Julius Nadas, international advocate of human rights and freedom, and dedicated protector and preservationist of the history and culture of Hungary. I also rise in tribute and celebration of Dr. Nadas' upcoming centennial birthday. One hundred years young in November, his vitality and youthful spirit continue to radiate light, hope and possibility all around him.

Dr. Nadas was born in Kecskemet, Hungary in 1905. When he was 5 years old, the family moved to Transylvania, Hungary, now present-day Romania. His parents instilled in him a great love of culture, family, community, and above all, they taught their children to stand up for human ideals of freedom and human rights, regardless of the struggle inherent in the quest for liberty. Possessing a deep intellect and an unwavering search for knowledge and understanding, Dr. Nadas was awarded a Ph.D. in Political Economics from the Royal University of Political Economics. In 1945, Dr. Nadas and his new bride, Violet, fled Hungary because of the Russian communist invasion. They lost all of their possessions, including property they owned, and lived in exile in Austria, where Dr. Nadas took on menial jobs to support his family. In 1950, buoyed by the hope of freedom from oppression and the promise of opportunity, Dr. Nadas immigrated with his wife and children to America. From the age of 52 until age 70, Dr. Nadas worked as a tool and die maker for General Electric in Nela Park. Also during that time, until 2002, Dr. Nadas established Nadas Business Services, a retailer of fine Hungarian imports. Providing a good life for his family was always a priority. The center of family, Dr. Nadas is a devoted husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. His commitment to family reflects his dedication to the community, where Dr. Nadas' promotion of Hungarian culture, history and people, and their courageous fight for freedom, is kept alive through his leadership and involvement in numerous Hungarian American organizations, including the Hungarian World Congress and the Hungarian Association of Cleveland.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and tribute of Dr. Julius Zoltan Nadas, for his immeasurable contributions to our country. His sacrifice, bravery and tenacity reflects the significant story of the immigrant—the story of those like Dr. Nadas, who endured great danger and sacrifice to escape the darkness of tyranny in search of freedom. Dr. Nadas continues to provide energy, inspiration and warmth to his family, and to the people of the Hungarian community of Greater Cleveland, and far beyond.

# CONFLICT OVER THE BAKASSI PENINSULA OF CAMEROON

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 25, 2005*

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak to the ongoing conflict over the Bakassi Peninsula of Cameroon.

Three years ago, the International Court of Justice ruled that the Bakassi Peninsula belonged solely to the Republic of Cameroon and President Obasanjo of Nigeria promised to abide by the court's ruling and remove his troops. However, I am concerned with the fact that this has not occurred. I support continued progress in Cameroon, both economically and politically. America must continue to remain active in the support of democracy and the rule of law around the world.

Mr. Speaker, I appreciate being able to bring this important situation to your attention and I look forward to working with my colleagues on a solution.

# NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION AU- THORIZATION ACT OF 2005

SPEECH OF

**HON. AL GREEN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, July 22, 2005*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill, (H.R. 3070) to reauthorize the human space flight, aeronautics, and science programs of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and for other purposes:

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Chairman, I want to express my full support of H.R. 3070, the NASA Authorization Act of 2005. This bill is truly a product of the spirit of cooperation fostered by the Chairman and ranking member of the Science Committee, Mr. BOEHLERT and Mr. GORDON.

Although reservations of the initial draft led the House Science Democratic Caucus to offer H.R. 3250, an authorization alternative, Mr. GORDON, as well as our Space and Aeronautics Subcommittee ranking member, Mr. UDALL, never terminated negotiations with Chairman BOEHLERT and Subcommittee Chairman CALVERT.

The evolution of H.R. 3070 reflects the strong character and leadership necessary to allow this great body to produce legislation beneficial to all of the American people. It encompasses important provisions from both bills and reinforces the bipartisan congressional support for NASA. As one of the Members that represent NASA workers at Johnson Space Center, I am proud to support the version of H.R. 3070 brought before the House today.

H.R. 3070 provides focus and direction not only to accomplish the important mission of manned space exploration but also to bolster resources for robust aeronautics and basic research programs. It addresses the necessity to strengthen business, community, and educational partnerships and provides guidelines to ensure NASA's success.

I ask that all of my colleagues follow the lead of our Science Committee chairman and ranking member, and I urge the unanimous support of H.R. 3070.

A PROCLAMATION IN MEMORY OF  
GUY SMITH

**HON. ROBERT W. NEY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 25, 2005*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, I hereby offer my heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Guy Smith; and

Whereas, Guy Smith was a loving father and grandfather to the members of his family. He will certainly be remembered by all those who knew him because of his upright character, honesty and loyalty; and

Whereas, Guy Smith was a veteran of the 95th Armored Field Artillery Battalion of the 5th Armored Division in World War II where he served his country bravely; and

Whereas, the respect and true friendship to which Guy Smith gave to others will stand as a monument to a truly fine person. He was the beloved five-time mayor of Dover. His dedication to the community gave joy to all who knew him.

Therefore, while I understand how words cannot express our grief at this most trying of times, I offer this token of profound sympathy to the family and friends of Guy Smith.

IN HONOR OF WILLIAM C. BOEHM,  
FOUNDER OF THE SINGING ANGELS

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 25, 2005*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in tribute and recognition of William C. Boehm, admired conductor, tenor, mentor and founder of the Singing Angels, as he is honored today by the Early Settlers Association of the Western Reserve with the Herrick Memorial Award for Civic Achievement.

A nationally highly revered tenor, performer and award-winning choreographer and director, Mr. Boehm founded the Singing Angels in Cleveland, OH in 1964, to promote the energy and joy of singing, and specifically, to share the melodic and inspirational song of children. For many years, Mr. Boehm meticulously and lovingly choreographed and planned every note of each composition. Though he no longer arranges the music, he remains the heart, soul and song of the Singing Angels. Because of his direction and unwavering commitment, the Singing Angels, a self-sustaining organization, have achieved national and international acclaim, and have performed around the world, including traveling across three continents and 29 countries.

Equipped with natural-born musical gifts, passion for the arts and a deep concern for the children of the community, Mr. Boehm's

musical vocation has served to enrich the lives of countless children and adults, and has inspired hundreds of children to pursue professions framed by music and song. Mr. Boehm's guidance and leadership has created a universal model of artistic excellence, framed by significant life lessons for the young participants—respect for others, personal achievement and working as a team.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor, recognition and gratitude to Mr. William C. Boehm, for his continued leadership, dedication and energy as the founder and core source of inspiration for the Singing Angels. Mr. Boehm's work and promotion of the arts in Cleveland and beyond has served as a source of good will and joy since 1964. The impact the Singing Angels experience continues to have on the children who participate is immeasurable, and will forever provide a light of energy and song within their lives, and within the lives of all those who hear them sing. Mr. Boehm has provided the world with young ambassadors of song, their music soaring aloft and connecting the entire world with a universal language of hope, possibility, goodness and song.

STATEMENT RECOGNIZING THE  
31ST ANNIVERSARY OF TURKEY'S  
INVASION OF CYPRUS

**HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN**

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 25, 2005*

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, as a proud member of the Hellenic Caucus, I rise today to recognize the 31st anniversary of Turkey's invasion of Cyprus. On this occasion, we mourn those who lost their lives and remember the barrier created on July 20, 1974. Sadly, that barrier still exists today, and despite attempts for a reunification settlement, the island remains divided between the Turkish Cypriots and the Greek Cypriots. I thank Mrs. MALONEY and Mr. BILIRAKIS for their ongoing leadership in the Hellenic Caucus and for bringing much-needed attention to issues of importance to the Hellenic community.

On the occasion of this anniversary, in addition to mourning and remembering, let us also look forward to the promise of a peaceful settlement to the ongoing division in Cyprus, a goal that has eluded American and European leaders for more than 30 years. I have repeatedly called for a strong U.S. commitment to Cyprus as one of our Nation's top foreign policy priorities. As Americans, we must guarantee that our foreign policy reflects our values of justice, equality and responsibility, and promoting a lasting peace and stability in Cyprus illustrates those values. The United States holds a unique position of trust with both Greece and Turkey, and we must use our influence to work toward a solution that is acceptable and equitable to all of Cyprus's residents.

The European Union will also play an important role in charting the future of Cyprus. I was a strong advocate of Cyprus's accession to the EU because Cyprus, like the United States, shares a commitment to democracy, human rights, and the concept of equal justice

under the law. Now that Cyprus is a member, it will benefit significantly from increased trade and economic investment while contributing its diversity and history to that of the EU.

Turkey's desire to enter the EU provides a prime opportunity for Cyprus. The international community must demand that Turkey demonstrate its support for reunification as a requirement to become a participant in the Europe of the future. If Turkey wishes to increase its global profile and to gain the world's respect, it must earn it by demonstrating its commitment to peace in Cyprus. By putting pressure on Turkish Cypriot leaders and reducing its military presence, Turkey can prove that it can work in the international framework to encourage a lasting peace in Cyprus.

Despite the obstacles and disappointments we have experienced in the past, we cannot abandon our vision of a Cyprus that is again unified and able to reach its fullest potential in the international arena. We should heed the words of the Greek Cypriot President Tassos Papadopoulos: "We are determined to try, until the end, in a peaceful manner and through negotiations, to end the invasion and occupation. The people should be brave, patient, and work hard." Patience in particular is tantamount to this endeavor. A lasting solution is not one that will be attained with the implementation of a rushed plan.

The United States has stood beside Cyprus in the past, and we will undoubtedly maintain this strong relationship for years to come. Again, I thank my colleagues on the Hellenic Caucus for their recognition of this important event.

HONORING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WAYNE COUNTY FAIR

**HON. JAMES T. WALSH**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 25, 2005*

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 150th anniversary of the Wayne County Fair. The Wayne County Fair finds its origins back in 1849, when a group of citizens from Palmyra, NY, decided to hold a fair in Hathaway's Grove. Since that date, the Wayne County Fair has continued to be a special event for the people of central and western New York. During the 1930s and 1940s, the fair was known as one of the best county fairs in the State. As our Nation experienced the troublesome times of World War II, the Wayne County Fair did its part by dedicating that year's theme as "Food Fights for Freedom". Over the years, numerous dignitaries have visited the fair ranging from Governors and State senators to U.S. Congressman and State assemblymen. The Wayne County Fair means so many different things to many people, providing a place for families to meet old friends and make new ones.

On behalf of those who have experienced this wonderful fair, both past and present, the citizens of Palmyra, and the people of central and western New York, I extend my best wishes and many more successful years to the Wayne County Fair.

**A PROCLAMATION HONORING MR. RICK DRISCOLL AND MS. TRACY WATSON ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR MARRIAGE**

**HON. ROBERT W. NEY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 25, 2005*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Rick Driscoll and Tracy Watson will be united in marriage July 30, 2005, in Ashtabula, Ohio; and

Whereas, Rick Driscoll and Tracy Watson will dedicate their lives to each other; and

Whereas, Rick Driscoll and Tracy Watson will share their wedding day with family and friends; and

Whereas, Rick Driscoll and Tracy Watson have illustrated the love and commitment necessary to live a long and beautiful life together.

Therefore, I join with their family, friends, and the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in congratulating Rick Driscoll and Tracy Watson on the occasion of their marriage.

**IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF TESS MANALO-VENTRESCA**

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 25, 2005*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Tess Manalo-Ventresca, devoted wife, mother, dedicated community activist, environmentalist, child advocate and friend and mentor to countless people.

Mrs. Manalo-Ventresca was born and raised in the Philippines, and immigrated to San Francisco with the hope of a better life for herself and her three children. A single mother, Ms. Manalo-Ventresca worked full-time at a union trustfund, yet still found time to become deeply involved in the issues of her urban neighborhood, particularly, quality of life issues, environmental issues and concerns regarding the youth of the community.

Mrs. Manalo-Ventresca's tireless advocacy on behalf of the people of her community was framed by heart, personal strength and conviction. In 2000, she joined Experience Corps, a national organization that links volunteers with public schools. Her focus on uplifting the lives of the children of her neighborhood was unwavering, and she spent countless hours volunteering her time at Francis Scott Key Elementary School in the Outer Sunset neighborhood, even long after her own children were grown. She became a permanent source of hope and energy at the school, serving as a member of the PTA, and leading the effort to organize environmental projects and programs. Her efforts to protect and improve her neighborhood are numerous and significant. She organized her neighbors to rally against the intrusion of adult businesses into her neighborhood, and led a triumphant effort to stop an international coffee shop chain from establishing a store in her community, preventing a detrimental impact to independently owned businesses nearby.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor and remembrance of Tess Manalo-

Ventresca, an exceptional human being whose integrity, kindness and concern for others has instilled light, hope and justice throughout San Francisco. I offer my deepest condolences to her husband, Joel; her children, Mark, Michael and Aurelia; her eight grandchildren; and her extended family and many friends. Her journey through life has made our world a better place, and her legacy will live on, carried aloft by every tree she planted and everyone whose lives were changed forever by knowing her.

**IN HONOR OF WADE BOGGS**

**HON. JIM DAVIS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 25, 2005*

Mr. DAVIS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Wade Boggs, who will be inducted into Baseball's Hall of Fame this weekend. Wade represents the latest addition to Tampa Bay's proud history of achievement in sports, particularly baseball.

Wade's success has come full-circle, from his beginnings in Tampa area Little League games, to the start of his pre-professional career at Plant High School, and finally the conclusion of his career with the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

Wade has been a strong community leader for the Tampa Bay area. Currently he assists the coaching staff of Wharton High School's baseball team, where his son Brett looks to follow in his dad's footsteps.

Even a partial listing of Wade's career successes would be too lengthy, but one of Tampa's proudest moments is certainly when Wade got his 3,000th hit at home in a Devil Rays uniform. The Devil Rays will never forget Wade, as he hit the first home run in Tampa Bay's history.

Two of baseball's greatest rivals also share Tampa's pride in Wade's achievements. The Boston Red Sox gave Boggs his first chance at a career in baseball when they drafted him right out of high school. As a player in the team's minor league ranks, Boggs bounded from New York, to North Carolina, and New England. In 1992, Wade signed with the New York Yankees, whose spring training facilities in Tampa once more brought him home.

In 1998, as an expansion team, the Tampa Bay Devil Rays signed Wade to be a part of their inaugural season. There, Wade carried on his well-known idiosyncrasies such as eating chicken before every game and hitting exactly 150 ground balls during batting practice.

Wade Boggs personifies the values of baseball, both on and off the field, and serves as an inspiration to many. The Tampa Bay area is privileged to count Wade among its sons, and congratulate him on his latest success.

**A PROCLAMATION IN MEMORY OF REUBEN RAY MILLER**

**HON. ROBERT W. NEY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 25, 2005*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, I hereby offer my heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Reuben Ray Miller of Dundee; and

Whereas, Reuben Ray Miller was a caring and loving son, brother, and uncle; and

Whereas, Reuben Ray Miller died while serving his country in Iraq; and

Whereas, Reuben Ray Miller will certainly be remembered by all those who knew him; and

Whereas, to the lives that he touched, the memory of Reuben Ray Miller will stand as a monument to a truly fine person.

Therefore, while I understand how words cannot express our grief at this most trying of times, I offer this token of profound sympathy to the family and friends of Reuben Ray Miller.

**STATEMENT BY AMBASSADOR TONY HALL**

**HON. FRANK R. WOLF**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 25, 2005*

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I would like to share with my colleagues the attached statement by our former colleague Tony Hall, who now serves as U.S. ambassador to the World Food Programme. Ambassador Hall is concerned about the future of world food aid in light of current negotiations at the World Trade Organization.

In the past year, the world has been broadsided by tragedy. Mother Nature wreaked havoc in Indonesia, destroying lives and impairing the ability of tens of thousands of survivors to feed themselves. In Darfur, the constant need for food aid will not subside until people can safely return to their homes and begin to plant seeds. Ethiopia has once again found itself on the brink of famine. There, the causes are complex, but the need is simple. Food aid is helping Ethiopians stay alive.

I want to discuss another looming tragedy. But we can prevent this one. I'm talking about negotiations happening right now in Geneva at the World Trade Organization.

Some European members of the WTO are working to eliminate most in-kind food donations to humanitarian situations. There is a belief among some countries that the best way to insure minimal impact is to move to a cash only system for donations.

The U.S. is adamantly opposed to any proposal that would RESTRICT and therefore REDUCE the amount of donations to the world's hungry. There are 850 million people who don't have enough food to eat. And yet we are reaching only about 100 million of them with assistance. We need to be increasing our volumes of food aid worldwide but some of the wealthy WTO member states are pushing positions that will inevitably cut food aid back.

Eliminating in-kind assistance results in smaller amounts of food aid to the hungry of the world. For example, WFP's own research found "a clear decline in European Union food aid after the EC and other European member nations moved from in-kind to cash."

It is inconceivable to me that a group of our colleagues meeting in Geneva would put already fragile lives at risk. Why is this conversation even happening, considering the humanitarian emergencies in the world today?

The U.S. has given \$1.6 billion in 2005—that's half of total food aid—and emergency needs are still not being met.

The WTO should not be even discussing food aid reform. FAO and WFP are the experts. The discussions of improving food aid

deliveries should be taking place in Rome, not Geneva. The United States urges WTO to rely on UN food agencies for their expertise.

We have a moral obligation to the people of Darfur, Panda Aceh and Ethiopia and many more to protect the flexibility of our assistance programs. It would be costly mistake to limit our food aid. We are talking about people's lives—those with children, parents, sisters and brothers. People who are needed on farms, in schools, factories and churches. We have a moral obligation to do the right thing. Food aid saves lives.

A PROCLAMATION IN MEMORY OF  
ALBERT ASHBROOK

**HON. ROBERT W. NEY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 25, 2005*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, I hereby offer my heartfelt condolences to the family, friends, and fellow officers of Albert Ashbrook; and

Whereas, Albert Ashbrook was a man committed to his family and a devoted husband to his wife; and

Whereas, Albert Ashbrook served as Licking County Commissioner for four terms beginning in 1988; and

Whereas, Albert Ashbrook held active positions with the state and county Soil and Water Conservation districts for over 22 years; and

Whereas, Albert Ashbrook helped in the establishment of the Domestic Relations Court, county morgue, Opportunity Links employment services center, one-stop auto license and title facilities in Newark and Pataskala, and probation and child support offices in the old Ohio Power building;

Whereas, Albert Ashbrook will be remembered. His example of strength and courage will be forever remembered by those who knew him.

Therefore, while I understand how words cannot express our grief at this most trying of times, I offer this token of profound sympathy to the family, friends, and colleagues of Albert Ashbrook.

IN HONOR OF LOS ANGELES TELEVISION NEWS LEGEND STAN CHAMBERS

**HON. XAVIER BECERRA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 25, 2005*

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the distinguished career of Los Angeles television news legend Stan Chambers. Mr. Chambers is a mainstay of Los Angeles broadcast television who has reported the news for the same station, KTLA/WB, for 58 years. In those nearly six decades, Stan has covered every major news event in and around Los Angeles including the assassination of Robert Kennedy, earthquakes, the Los Angeles riots, and the 1984 Olympics. On Saturday, July 30, 2005, the Greater Los Angeles Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists will pay tribute to Stan Chambers for his outstanding work and illustrious career in news journalism. It is with great pride that I

congratulate Stan on receiving this honor that recognizes his illustrious body of work. And though his career journey is as impressive as it is unprecedented, perhaps most laudable has been Stan's commitment to family—and I am quite sure that his wife, Gege, his 11 children, his 33 grandchildren and his 4 great grandchildren would wholeheartedly agree.

A lifelong Angeleno, Stan was born in the City of Angels on August 11, 1923. He attended Loyola University and transferred to the University of Southern California following orders from the Naval Officers Training Corps, which he had joined during World War II. The seeds of Stan's journalistic passions were planted in college while working at the university's radio station.

Stan began his long and prestigious career with KTLA, the first commercially-licensed television station in the Western United States, in December 1947. At the time, only 300 or so Angelenos had television sets. He remembers fondly a time early in KTLA's existence when the station would consult every television viewer in Los Angeles on the quality of its programming.

In 1949, during a precedent-setting moment in television broadcasting, Stan helped build KTLA's reputation for on-the-spot news coverage. The tragedy of Kathy Fiscus, a four-year-old girl who fell into an abandoned well near her home, would be considered by many the most memorable story of his career. Stan began coverage of the rescue operation within minutes of its commencement. A career in television journalism was born.

Stan has reported a record 20,000 plus stories in his career. Think back, from every major natural disaster in Los Angeles since 1947, to tragic, high profile stories like the Manson Family murders and the case of the Hillside Strangler, Stan Chambers was there. When amateur photographer George Holiday filmed the beating of Rodney King in March of 1991, he turned to Stan Chambers to report what would be a seminal moment in Los Angeles history.

In addition to his coverage of breaking news in Los Angeles, Stan has been the face for the KTLA/WB signature broadcast of the Tournament of Roses Parade since 1949. Interviewing parade luminaries, capturing the reactions of parade enthusiasts, Stan has kept Angelenos entertained as we have watched procession after procession for over half a century. In 2002, the prestigious Tournament of Roses Association presented Stan with a special award for over 50 years of dedication to Rose Parade broadcast excellence on KTLA/WB.

Stan has been honored with several Emmy awards, a Golden Mike award, the "Governor's Award" from the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, and a coveted star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. In January of 1998, the Stan Chambers Building at KTLA was dedicated as a tribute to Stan's 50 years of dedicated service to the station and community. The Mayor of Los Angeles at that time, Richard Riordan, even presented him with a street sign featuring his name that was posted just outside the KTLA studios, at the corner of Sunset Boulevard and Van Ness Avenue.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing Stan Chambers for his distinguished career in news broadcasting. His contributions to the

world of news reporting and to the City of Los Angeles have been extraordinary and unforgettable. As Mr. Chambers' family, friends and colleagues gather with the Greater Los Angeles Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists to honor his lifetime of achievement, I wish to add my voice and salute a true pillar of Los Angeles.

A PROCLAMATION IN MEMORY OF  
MARY ANN HENDERSHOT

**HON. ROBERT W. NEY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 25, 2005*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, I hereby offer my heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Mary Ann Hendershot; and

Whereas, Mary Ann Hendershot was a loving wife to her husband, Robert, for 51 years and mother to her two children; and

Whereas, Mary Ann Hendershot was active in her church, where she played the piano and organ for 45 years, and served as a district officer for the United Methodist Women; and

Whereas, Mary Ann Hendershot was a member of the Madison Homemakers Club, the Auxiliary of the Countryview Assisted Living Center, Golden Sixties, Cambridge Lioness Club, and was an honorary member of the Guernsey County Township Trustees and Clerks Association; and

Whereas, Mary Ann Hendershot was also an active member of Guernsey County Farm Bureau, Board of Elections, and the Extension Advisory Committee; and

Whereas, the leadership and compassion she showed towards others will stand as a reminder to a truly remarkable person. Her life and love gave joy to all who knew her.

Therefore, while I understand how words cannot express our grief at this most trying of times, I offer this token of profound sympathy to the family and friends of Mary Ann Hendershot.

RECOGNIZING SOUTHERN ILLINOIS AIRPORT AS THE 2005 RECIPIENT OF THE GENERAL AVIATION AIRPORT OF THE YEAR AWARD

**HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 25, 2005*

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Southern Illinois Airport for being awarded the General Aviation Airport of the Year for 2005 by the Illinois Department of Transportation.

Southern Illinois Airport is located between Carbondale and Murphysboro, Illinois and is among the busiest airports in the state, with 120,000 takeoffs and landings each year. In addition to the private and business customers who use the airport on a daily basis, Southern Illinois Airport is also home to the Aviation Management and Flight programs for Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

The airport is designed to accommodate aircraft from the smallest propeller airplanes to

the small jets used in business fleets. Its proximity to the commercial, recreational and educational facilities of Southern Illinois make it convenient for the private or business traveler.

Location alone is not responsible for the success of Southern Illinois Airport. Airport Manager Gary Shafer and approximately 200 full and part-time employees have earned, through their hard work and commitment to excellence, not only the General Aviation Airport of the Year Award for 2005, but the continued respect and confidence of the flying public. This marks the fourth time that Southern Illinois Airport has been the recipient of this prestigious award, the second highest number among all the airports in the state of Illinois.

Southern Illinois Airport, like most general aviation airports, relies on federal funding assistance to maintain and improve their facilities. I was pleased to announce a Department of Transportation grant in April of this year for removal of obstructions to runway approaches. Recognizing the impact of this facility on the regional transportation network as well as the local economy, I have worked with my colleagues to secure funding for other projects in recent years. These projects have included; rehabilitating the primary runway and resurfacing another runway, replacing taxiway lighting, upgrading the snow removal fleet, purchase of an aircraft firefighting vehicle and acquiring land in the runway approach. These improvements help to ensure the safety of those people who fly in and out of Southern Illinois Airport on a daily basis.

Under the leadership of Airport Manager Gary Shafer, Southern Illinois Airport has been successful in recent years that have been difficult for the aviation industry in general and particularly for general aviation airports operating in rural areas. At my request, Mr. Shafer testified before the Aviation Subcommittee of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. In that testimony, he addressed the role of general aviation airports and the need for continued federal support.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Airport Manager Gary Shafer, the Commissioners and staff of Southern Illinois Airport for this very well-deserved award.

#### USA PATRIOT AND TERRORISM PREVENTION REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2005

SPEECH OF

**HON. MICHAEL E. CAPUANO**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 21, 2005*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3199) to extend and modify authorities needed to combat terrorism, and for other purposes:

Mr. CAPUANO. Mr. Chairman, I rise today in opposition to H.R. 3199—the USA PATRIOT Reauthorization Act of 2005.

Mr. Chairman, we could be voting today on a bill that would receive almost unanimous support in this House. We could be voting on a bill that represents our best attempt at achieving the delicate balance between protecting our Nation from the threat of terrorism

and preserving our treasured liberties. The reason I know that we could do it is that every Member of this House cares about protecting our constituents from terrorists and every Member of this House believes that in the United States of America, there are certain liberties and freedoms that must be preserved.

Unfortunately, the bill before us today fails to achieve this balance. Despite the fact that we may adopt several amendments that will institute some minimal safeguards, H.R. 3199 still fails to protect our treasured liberties.

I voted against the PATRIOT Act the first time it was before the House, because I believed that certain provisions in the bill simply went too far and undermined our American values of freedom and justice. Many of the provisions that had me worried are up for reauthorization today. The final bill we will vote on today will contain most of them in the same exact form as four years ago, and that is unfortunate.

This is not to say that I oppose the entire PATRIOT Act. In fact, most of the PATRIOT Act is important and noncontroversial. We all want our law enforcement officers to have the tools they need to protect us.

However, I believe that when Congress greatly expands the government's powers, as it did in many of the provisions before the House, we also have an obligation to build in safeguards to protect the average American citizen. I do not believe this bill meets our obligation to the American people, and I cannot support it.

I urge my colleagues to oppose H.R. 3199.

#### A PROCLAMATION THANKING SPECIALIST KYLE EVERETT FOR HIS SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY

**HON. ROBERT W. NEY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 25, 2005*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Specialist Kyle Everett has served the United States in Operation Iraqi Freedom as a member of the United States Army Reserves; and

Whereas, Specialist Kyle Everett is to be commended for the honor and bravery that he displayed while serving our Nation in this time of war; and

Whereas, Specialist Kyle Everett has demonstrated a commitment to meet challenges with enthusiasm, confidence, and outstanding service.

Therefore, I join with the family, friends and the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in thanking Specialist Kyle Everett of the United States Army Reserves for his service to our country. Your service has made us proud.

#### RECOGNIZING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SOLIDARITY MOVEMENT IN POLAND

SPEECH OF

**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 18, 2005*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 328, a resolution

recognizing the 25th anniversary of the workers' strikes in Poland in 1980 that led to the establishment of the Solidarity Trade Union.

This legislation praises Polish workers in the shipyards of Gdansk and Szczecin for rising up against the repressive Soviet controlled communist regime in demand of greater political freedom. The actions of these courageous and peaceful individuals were directly responsible for the establishment of the Solidarity Trade Union, a profound social movement that ultimately ended communism in Poland without bloodshed.

This resolution rightly expresses the sense of Congress that our government should recognize and honor the struggle and sacrifice of the citizens of Poland, whose tireless efforts succeeded in restoring democracy to their country while simultaneously highlighting the correlation between organized labor and strong democratic institutions.

Now, more than ever, it is important that Congress pay tribute to, and support, those nations that willingly and actively allow the unimpeded formation of labor unions. For it is those countries that exhibit the most free and fair democratic policies. No such phenomenon is better exemplified than in the case of the Solidarity Trade Union. The formation of this important group ultimately led to the election of Poland's first post World War II non-communist Prime Minister, Mr. Tadeusz Mazowiecki.

Mr. Speaker, let me conclude by again expressing my support for this legislation and encourage my colleagues' support. It should be a priority of this Congress to pay homage to members of the Solidarity Trade Union on the 25th anniversary of its inception and acknowledge the ensuing bond of friendship that has flourished between our two nations on account of workers' rights.

#### TO HONOR GARY MICHALAK FOR BEING PROMOTED TO THE POMFRET TOWN BOARD

**HON. BRIAN HIGGINS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 25, 2005*

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the appointment of Gary Michalak, resident of the Village of Fredonia, County of Chautauqua, to the position of Pomfret Town Board Member.

Mr. Michalak was appointed to this position by Town Supervisor Don Steger. Michalak has served in public office before, as Mayor of Dunkirk for 2 years in the early '80s. Since that time, he has been a guidance counselor at the Fredonia Central School District.

Mr. Michalak is an exemplary citizen, who is always ready to serve his community, and that is why, Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor him here today.

**A PROCLAMATION THANKING  
ARMY PRIVATE FIRST CLASS  
DAVID E. DAVISSON FOR HIS  
SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY**

**HON. ROBERT W. NEY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 25, 2005*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, Army PFC David E. Davisson is serving the United States in South Korea as an office administration specialist of the 35th Air Defense Artillery Brigade; and

Whereas, Army PFC David E. Davisson is to be commended for the honor and bravery that he displays while serving our Nation; and

Whereas, Army PFC David E. Davisson is demonstrating a commitment to meet challenges with enthusiasm, confidence, and outstanding service;

Therefore, I join with the family, friends and the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in thanking Army PFC David E. Davisson for his service to our country. Your service has made us proud.

**TRIBUTE TO BRIGADIER GENERAL  
ABRAHAM TURNER**

**HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN**

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 25, 2005*

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the outgoing Commanding General of the United States Army Training Center at Fort Jackson, SC, for his service to God and country, and his dedication to family and career. His leadership role at one of the military's largest training facilities has been greatly appreciated. BG Abraham Turner will be leaving his post this month to become Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Training in Fort Monroe, VA, and the men and women in uniform at Fort Jackson owe a great debt of gratitude to this model soldier.

Since receiving his commission through the Reserve Officers Training Corps at South Carolina State University in 1976, Brigadier General Turner has earned some of the highest accolades of any Army officer. His awards include the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Bronze Star Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Combat Infantry Badge and the Expert Infantry Badge.

Brigadier General Turner previously served in numerous positions at Fort Bragg, Fort Benning and West Point, where he was a Regimental Tactical Officer. He also served as Assistant Chief of Staff, C3, Operations, Coalition Forces Land Component Command at Camp Doha, Kuwait. His numerous combat assignments have included a 1989 deployment in Operation Just Cause in Panama, a year-long deployment in Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm that ended in 1991, and, most recently, a deployment to Operation Iraqi Freedom/Operation Enduring Freedom, where he served as part of C3, Coalition Forces Land Component Command.

Brigadier General Turner is a graduate of the Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced

Courses, the United States Army Command and General Staff College, and the United States Army War College. He earned a bachelor's degree in Music from South Carolina State University and a master's degree in Public Administration from Shippensburg University. He and his wife Linda are the proud parents of three lovely children: April, Creighton and Jessica.

Mr. Speaker, I invite you and my colleagues to join me today in honoring Brigadier General Turner, who embodies all the virtues of individual courage and sacrifice in defending global freedom for which the U.S. Army is so well known. I know he will continue to build and enviable legacy at Fort Monroe with the same fortitude and charisma that led him to such a successful tenure in his native South Carolina. I thank him for his service—at home and abroad. I am proud and we are fortunate to have him in the top ranks of our armed forces.

**TRIBUTE TO MONSIGNOR WILLIAM  
OGRODOWSKI**

**HON. MELISSA A. HART**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 25, 2005*

Ms. HART. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Monsignor William Ogradowski, marking the 30th anniversary of his ordination to the Catholic priesthood.

This June, the Monsignor will celebrate the 30th anniversary of his ordination in 1975. For the last 30 years Monsignor Ogradowski has been a symbol of strength and a source of inspiration for not only the congregations of Saints Peter and Paul and Saint Francis Cabrini, but the entire Beaver County community as well. In order to mark this special occasion, parishioners met at Saints Peter and Paul in Beaver for an anniversary mass, followed by a dinner reception at Saints Francis Cabrini in Center Township. The Monsignor, joined in celebration by 14 fellow priests, commented that his favorite part of the priesthood was interacting with people.

I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in honoring the Monsignor. It is an honor to represent the Fourth Congressional District of Pennsylvania and a pleasure to salute such a principled clergyman as Monsignor William Ogradowski.

**COMMITMENT TO IMPROVE  
SCIENCE AND INNOVATION**

**HON. FRANK R. WOLF**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 25, 2005*

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I have just read the very disturbing cover story from the most recent edition of Fortune magazine. The cover headline reads: "America the 97 Lbs. Weakling?" The cover shows a picture of a strong China punching a weak Uncle Sam.

The facts in the article should sound the alarm across our country.

America is falling behind.

As chairman of the appropriations subcommittee with jurisdiction over NASA, NSF,

and the Office of Science and Technology Policy, I have had the opportunity to meet with leading groups of people who represent the science and technology sector in our nation.

Many will tell you that America is in a stall, and even more will tell you that America is in a decline, when it comes to global competition in science and technology.

None of these groups will tell you that America is doing well in this critical area.

The Fortune article points out that U.S. students have fallen behind.

America currently ranks 28th in the world in mathematical achievement among 15-year-olds.

The U.S. is graduating fewer and fewer engineers, with an estimated 70,000 this year, while China will graduate 600,000 and India 350,000. This is the generation we will look to to create a newer and better Internet, develop energy saving automobiles, or build a better iPod.

This is an issue directly tied to America's economy, and could well determine how—dare I say if—we maintain our quality of life and our very way of life.

Let me share with you a few more statistics: Patents awarded to U.S. companies/scientists—Down; Nobel prizes won by U.S. scientists—Down; scientific papers published by U.S. scientists—Down.

U.S. investment in research and development has stayed flat for the last three decades while growing significantly in places like China, India, Brazil and Israel. U.S. students are behind their counterparts in other countries in math and science, and some Asian countries are graduating more than four times as many engineers. U.S. 12th-graders ranked near the bottom of math and science testing scores, according to the third International Math and Science Study.

The proportion of U.S. graduates in science and engineering has declined 10 percent from 1994 to 2001 while the total number of undergraduate degrees awarded in the U.S. has increased 14 percentage points. The U.S. now awards more MBAs than math, science and engineering degrees. Ten years ago, Boeing produced nearly 60 percent of the world's commercial aircraft. Today, Boeing produces less than 40 percent.

This news should be the wake-up call to spur us into action to help America get back on track to keep our country as the world's innovation leader.

**INVESTMENT IN INNOVATION**

We must invest in innovation. Our Nation needs a commitment to fund its "Innovation Budget."

I have written the president about this issue and asked him to work to triple the Nation's innovation budget for Federal basic research and development over the next decade.

America needs to be mobilized, much like it was after Sputnik in the late 1950s.

The White House has to provide leadership. I believe Congress will support the effort.

Congress two years ago fulfilled the commitment to double NIH budget to jump-start work on medical research to help find cures to debilitating and fatal diseases. A similar commitment for the innovation budget should be made.

**NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND INNOVATION**

Congress has laid the groundwork for addressing the innovation deficit through a provision in the supplemental appropriations bill



passed in May that directs the Department of Commerce to work with business and industry groups to hold a conference this fall in Washington on science and innovation, and where the United States is headed.

Among the participants will be the Council on Competitiveness, the Business Roundtable, the National Association of Manufacturers and the American Electronics Association.

#### EDUCATION IS KEY

Education is key to our Nation's commitment to innovation and technology prominence. I have been pleased to work with Representatives BOEHLERT and EHLERS—two members who have been leaders in Congress on promoting science and technology issues—on legislative solutions.

My proposal to forgive interest on student loans for math, engineering and physical science majors is in the higher education reauthorization bill now moving through the House.

Education and the Workforce Chairman BOEHNER and Representative MCKEON of the committee have been very supportive of efforts to advance the loan interest provision, and I thank them for their work.

The genesis for this legislation was from the book, *Winning the Future*, by former Speaker Newt Gingrich, who has done a good job of outlining America's challenge to remain the world's leader in innovation and technology.

I am hopeful that this legislation will attract more students into the science and engineering fields by offering to forgive the interest on their college loans. We must fill the critical shortage of math, science and engineering students in the United States.

The provision allows up to \$5,000 in interest to be forgiven on federally backed government loans if science majors agree to work in their field for five years upon graduating.

#### RESEARCH IS ALSO KEY

The House, through passage of the FY 2006 Science-State-Justice-Commerce bill, has supported funding for science education and research: \$4.38 billion for National Science Foundation (NSF) research and related activities, an increase of \$44 million above the president's request.

This is the Nation's largest resource pool for basic scientific research across all fields: \$807 million for NSF's education programs, which is \$70 million above the request; \$169 million for NASA education programs, which is \$2 million above the request; \$28.9 million for a new consolidated education program for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

The measure also encourages the National Science Board to establish a commission to present recommendations for broad Federal action to address the crisis in science and math education.

Mr. Speaker, it is critical that administration's FY 2007 budget include a significant investment to respond to this crisis and I urge members to make their support known.

I also urge members to read the latest article in *Fortune* if they have not done so.

All is not lost, but America is at a crossroad.

It's time to roll up our sleeves and get to work on this issue, and respond to this challenge through the commitment of the administration and Congress and the American people. America's future is at stake.

#### GOOD HOPE PICNIC

### HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 25, 2005*

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the residents of Lone Star, SC who are coming together on Friday, August 12, 2005 for the 90th annual Good Hope Picnic. This historic event began on the second Friday of August in 1915, and has continued on the same day every year since.

The Good Hope Picnic was founded by black farmers in this Calhoun County town as a way to market their crops. It became a holiday for many black farm workers whose white employers gave them the day off to attend the picnic.

Today, the Good Hope Picnic is a family reunion for many Lone Star residents who have moved away. Over the years, this once thriving community has lost its vibrancy and its jobs. There are few opportunities for children who grew up here, and most must leave to find work and a better quality of life for their families. Yet Lone Star remains their home, and families plan their annual vacations to come home for the Good Hope Picnic swelling the population of that small community by as many as 400–500 people on that day.

I have spent a lot of time in Lone Star during my service in Congress. I am proud to have brought a new baseball field to the community, and am currently working on funding to build a new community center. Plans are moving forward on the Briggs-DeLaine-Pearson Connector that will bring new opportunities to this area in hopes that many of those who consider Lone Star home can reconnect with their families and once again find vibrancy in their native community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in congratulating the members of the Good Hope Picnic Foundation, who are descendants of the picnic's original founders. They are continuing a proud tradition that reflects the heart and hope of the Lone Star community.

#### TRIBUTE TO STEPHEN C. BALMERT

### HON. MELISSA A. HART

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 25, 2005*

Ms. HART. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Stephen C. Balmert of Cranberry Township, PA on receiving a Discover Card Tribute Award Scholarship, sponsored by Discover Card in cooperation with the American Association of School Administrations. Mr. Balmert has been honored for his exceptional community service and solid academic performance.

Stephen was one nine students statewide that was awarded a scholarship in the amount of \$2,500. Each year Discover Card offers over \$1 million dollars in scholarships to 459 high school students who have displayed strong dedication to academics as well as service to their respective communities. This scholarship is the largest of its kind in the entire country. The Discover Card Tribute Award Scholarship Program has been dedicated to

enhancing American students' educational experience and opportunities by providing funds for students to help them pay for any form of higher education.

I ask my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives to join me in honoring Mr. Stephen C. Balmert. It is an honor to represent the Fourth Congressional District of Pennsylvania and a pleasure to salute the achievements of citizens like Stephen whom make our District great.

#### CONDEMNING THE RECENT ARREST OF DISSIDENTS IN CUBA BY THE AUTHORITARIAN CASTRO REGIME

### HON. CONNIE MACK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 25, 2005*

Mr. MACK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my strong support for freedom in the face of fascism on the island of Cuba. Last Friday, advocates of liberty who simply wanted to hold a peaceful demonstration against the Castro government, were surrounded and thrown into jail—all for expressing their personal views.

Mr. Speaker, our Nation was founded on the principle of freedom of speech. As Americans, we should find it particularly appalling when such a basic and fundamental human right is abridged by a tyrannical regime right here in our neighboring waters.

At a time when freedom is on the move around the world, it is a shame to see the flame of liberty snuffed out by such despots like Cuba's Fidel Castro and Venezuela's Hugo Chavez.

I call on our European allies to stand with the United States and condemn the egregious abuses of human rights in Cuba and the copycat abuses in Venezuela. Mr. Speaker, now is not the time to turn our backs on those who seek freedom and democracy. Now is the time to find ways to promote freedom, security and prosperity for all people and for the United States to continue to stand firm against totalitarian regimes.

#### IN HONOR OF DR. JOSE MANUEL RODRIGUEZ DELGADO

### HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 25, 2005*

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, August 8th is the 90th birthday of an outstanding American scientist who deserves to be recognized and remembered. I wish to recognize Dr. Jose Delgado's scientific achievements and contributions to our understanding of the brain and human behavior. He has been a pioneer in the exploration of brain function, including how our minds work based on electrical and chemical studies in many animal species.

Dr. Jose Delgado was born in Ronda, Spain. At the age of 22 he joined the Republican army fighting against Franco as a military doctor, and toward the end of the Spanish Civil War was interned in a concentration camp from which he escaped twice and was



later released. He was invited to the United States by Professor John Fulton, as a Spanish Research Council Fellow, and later was a James Hudson Brown Fellow, and an Assistant, Associate and then Full Professor of Physiology and Psychiatry at the Yale University Medical School.

For 25 years Dr. Delgado taught and did breakthrough research at the Yale Medical School, and then returned to Spain and organized a brain research institute at the Ramon y Cajal Hospital in Madrid, bringing together an international group of over 100 scientists. His major methodological innovations include: Permanent implantation of electrodes in the brain; intracerebral Chemitrodes and Diallytrodes; Cardiac pacemaker implantation; brain pacemakers; brain radio stimulators; two-way radio communication brain-to-computer; time-lapse recording of social behavior in monkey colonies; and the design and application of non-invasive electromagnetic devices for the investigation of biological effects and application of therapeutical uses.

Dr. Jose Delgado's main goals have been to alleviate pain and diminish aggression and human suffering. His discoveries have resulted in over 500 research publications and 6 books, enriching our lives, knowledge of brain development, and how we can educate our children toward what he called a Psychocivilized Society. Among many others, he received the following honors: Countess of Maudes Prize (1944), Roel Prize (1945), Member Sigma Xi Society (1951), Ramon y Cajal Prize (1952), Fellow, New York Academy of Sciences (1955), Guggenheim Fellow (1963), Master of Arts, Yale University (1967), Salmon Lecturer, New York Academy of Sciences (1968), Gold Metal Exhibit Award, American Psychiatry Society (1971), Alfonso X El Sabio Medal (1972), Gold Metal Award, International Society of Biological Psychiatry (1974), Rodriguez Pascual Prize (1975), Adolf Meyer Lecturer, American Psychiatric Association (1979), Honorary Professor, Faculty of Medicine and Surgery, University of Santo Tomas, Manila (1980), Humanist Laureate, The Academy of Humanism (1985), Favorite Son of Ronda, Spain (1985), Academician, Royal Academy of Doctors, Madrid, Spain (1986), the name of 'Rodriguez Delgado' is given to Public School No. 2 in Ronda, Spain (1988), Favorite Son of Andalucia (1988), Author of the Year, "El Medico" Prize, Madrid, Spain (1989), Favorite Son of Malaga (1996), Century Award, International Organization of Psychophysiology (1998), Gold Medal, Ateneo of Malaga (1999), Doctor Honoris Causa, University of Granada, Spain (1999).

Dr. Delgado is now living in San Diego, California, and we celebrate his return to the United States. We wish him and his family a very happy 90th birthday celebration, and many more fruitful and rewarding years.

#### CORPORATE CHARITY AFTER TSUNAMI

#### HON. HENRY J. HYDE

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 25, 2005*

Mr. HYDE. Mr. Speaker, we hear so many negative comments about big business, I thought it would be refreshing to talk about

some of their magnanimous charitable actions following the tsunami in Indonesia. I read an article in the Washington Times on July 18th written by Michael Casey at Associated Press that bears repeating.

Hearing about the plight of so many in Indonesia after the tsunami, more than 400 U.S. companies gave over \$561 million for tsunami relief according to the Center for Corporate Citizenship of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. Dozens of them were Fortune 500 companies. \$71 million in donations were made by employee matching contributions, with \$71 million corporate contributions. American companies gave \$721 million after the September 11 terrorist attacks and \$70 million was given for Hurricane Mitch in 1998.

Rolls-Royce chartered an 800-ton ferry to deliver masks, body bags and gloves to Indonesia, they partnered with London's HSBC Holdings bank to build a \$500,000 clinic in Calang, on the coast of Indonesia. Calang lost nearly 90 percent of its 7,000 residents in the disaster. The clinic was completed within 9 weeks. Rolls-Royce has agreed to pay operating costs for a year. HSBC also donated money for six boats in Aceh and sent 30 employees to help rebuild a school.

General Electric Co. shipped a water treatment plant to Aceh and along with CH2N Hill, ran the plant until April when they handed it over to UNICEF and a local company.

Intel Corporation along with other companies is planning to wire the city of Banda Aceh. In Lamreh, a German cigar company donated a water filtration system.

Many companies gave cash to international aid agencies or governments, others donated in-kind products and services worth \$139 million in goods including powdered milk, back hoes, computers, shirts, sandals, packaged meats, hauling services, linens, fuel, generators, tractor equipment and emergency response services. Employees teamed up with the U.N. and local governments on training projects and started "Adopt a Village" projects.

FedEx Corporation shipped 640 tons of medicine, supplies and water systems for aid groups. PricewaterhouseCoopers and Deloitte and Touche are working with the U.N. to protect tsunami donations.

Phillips Foods Inc., a Baltimore-based seafood company donated 20 boats to fishermen in three countries.

Some other major U.S. companies contributing were Coca Cola, Exxon Mobil, GlaxoSmith Kline, Microsoft, Citigroup, Merck, AIG/Star and Abbot Laboratories.

The American Chamber of Commerce of Indonesia established a Disaster Relief Center to coordinate donations and volunteer operations for rapid supply and logistics support.

Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono thanked U.S. business leaders for their contributions to relief efforts. I want to thank them as well for their generosity, both financially and for taking time out of their busy lives to personally reach out to help others in distress. Their humanitarian efforts deserve our attention and gratitude.

There are many others not mentioned in the Associated Press article that deserves our thanks. Their charitable efforts have not gone unnoticed.

#### HONORING THE MIGHTY SPARROW—THE CALYPSO KING OF THE WORLD

#### HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 25, 2005*

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of the most popular Caribbean entertainers in history, who has been singing the story of the Caribbean for over half a century. The man of which I speak is Slinger Francisco, known world-wide as The Mighty Sparrow, and it is a pleasure to recognize him today in celebration of his 70th Birthday.

With over seventy albums to his credit, the Mighty Sparrow is considered by many to be the undisputed King of Calypso. Calypso is the popular style of music which evolved on the islands of the Eastern Caribbean from African and French musical influences in the early 1900's. The art form is particularly associated with the nation of Trinidad and Tobago, and its pre-Lent Carnival celebrations.

World War II brought dramatic changes to Trinidad and the calypso scene, as the United States established several military bases on the island, which housed thousands of servicemen during the War. A vibrant entertainment scene developed to entertain the many visitors, and Calypso evolved to suit its audience. The influx of tourists to the island also helped modernize both the rhythm and themes of Calypso songs in the post-war years. Trinidad's independence from Great Britain in the 1950s also served to give calypso a more politically minded slant. The Mighty Sparrow came to the scene during this time of transition and modification in Calypso music.

Sparrow was born in Gran Roi, a rural fishing village on the island of Grenada in 1935, and migrated with his family to Trinidad and Tobago at the age of one. His childhood would have a major influence on his musical vocation. On his mother's advice, he joined his local Catholic Church choir as a young boy, where he learned the art of voice training. In church he would also learn various languages, such as Latin, Hindi, Spanish, French, Dutch, and Chinese—all represented on the culturally diverse island of Trinidad—which he would later employ in many of his songs. He was also influenced by the styles of American street quartets, and popular artists such as Nat King Cole, Sarah Vaughn, and Frank Sinatra, in addition to local calypso artists.

He started out singing in the local calypso "brigades" which would scour Trinidad competing in various singing competitions, especially during the Carnival season. At the age of twenty he released his first song entitled "Jean and Dinah." The song satirically chronicled the impact of American troop withdrawals from Trinidad at the end of WWII. The song became a hit and would typify The Mighty Sparrow style. In a country, which at the time, did not have developed forms of media, Sparrow's songs elicited public reflection on important issues—in an entertaining, if not dance-inspiring fashion.

In subsequent years the Mighty Sparrow rode his own talent and the changing dynamics of the Caribbean all the way to the top of the Calypso scene. With the influx of American and European tourists to the Caribbean starting in the 1950s, and the concurrent migration of Caribbean peoples to the United

States and Europe, Sparrow's music would reach wider and wider audiences. He himself would establish a second home in New York City, where he became renowned among the region's large Caribbean community.

Just as Sparrow's music began to reach beyond the islands of the Caribbean, so too did the content of his songs. His 1964 classic "Martin Luther King for President" not only introduced many in the Caribbean to the greatness of Dr. King, but it also served to inform Caribbean peoples about the plight of their African American brethren in the United States. Indeed, many in the Caribbean at the time were unaware of the Civil Rights struggle occurring in the USA.

Throughout Sparrow's musical catalogue one will find such global thinking—from songs about Apartheid South Africa, to the implications of the Global AIDS epidemic. These types of songs were surpassed only by those he dedicated to the everyday struggles of the common Caribbean man and woman. It is hard to think of such themes in the vibrant, celebratory rhythms of Calypso, but therein lies the beauty of the Mighty Sparrow.

Only he could draw attention to the serious issues of his world and community, and still make you want to dance. In so doing, Sparrow truly embodies the spirit of the Caribbean—though they face obstacles, they face them with an almost joyous optimism which can never be broken.

As for Mr. Sparrow today, he shows no signs of letting up. Fifty years, 70 albums, and millions of fans later, he continues to record songs, and bring crowds to their feet with his live performances around the world. In his first song released in 1956, Sparrow confidently asserted, "Yankee gone, Sparrow take over now!" Fifty years later, it is safe to say that he delivered on his boast, as he is now the undisputed King of Calypso. I can only imagine what the next 50 years will bring.

#### HONORING PETTY OFFICER SECOND CLASS DANNY P. DIETZ OF LITTLETON

#### HON. THOMAS G. TANCREDO

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 25, 2005*

Mr. TANCREDO. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep regret and heartfelt admiration that I rise today to honor a fallen soldier from my district, 25-year-old Petty Officer Second Class Danny P. Dietz of Littleton. Petty Officer Dietz was killed in the line of action during recent fighting in Afghanistan.

Danny was part of an elite commando team conducting counterterrorism operations in the mountainous Kunar province. He was just 25 years old. Before being assigned to the SEAL Delivery Vehicle Team, Danny was a 1999 graduate of Heritage High School.

Mr. Speaker, my deepest sympathies and heartfelt condolences go out to his wife Maria, and indeed all of his family and friends. Danny served his country bravely, honorably and with distinction, fighting for freedom and democracy against the forces of tyranny and oppression. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him. Americans will not forget his service or the ultimate sacrifice he made—and our nation will forever owe a great debt of gratitude to Danny and his family.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. HENRY J. HYDE

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 25, 2005*

Mr. HYDE. Mr. Speaker, on July 21, 2005, I was absent for two votes for personal reasons. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall 401 and "yes" on rollcall 402.

#### BLACK FAMILIES ARE IN A STATE OF EMERGENCY

#### HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 25, 2005*

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to alert my colleagues of a dangerous condition that threatens the health of our society—the destruction of the black family.

The black family has yet to recover from the destructive effects of slavery. In 1712, British slave owner, Willie Lynch was invited to the colony of Virginia to teach his methods of keeping slaves under control to American slave owners. Almost three hundred years later, the techniques that he prescribed seem to have not only been successful in controlling slaves, but lasting as a means of weakening and destroying the black family. In slavery families were purposely divided with husband and wives separated from each other and their children. Black males were humiliated and whipped in front of their wives and children. Stripped of their power and pride, black men were seen as weak and black women had to be the strength of the household, distorting the traditional family structure.

Despite civil rights victories and the apparent improvement in socioeconomic status, the black community is suffering from the lack of families. Marriage has become virtually impossible as black men are disproportionately incarcerated, unemployed and victims of early death. Black women on the other hand, have a higher probability of graduating from high school and attending college. This disparity in qualifications renders the two highly incompatible. As a result, an alarming two-thirds of black children are born out of wedlock and a disturbing proportion of them grow up fatherless. Without a father in the home, where do girls find their model for a future husband? Where do boys find their model for being a father? Without such an example, children of fatherless homes are doomed to continue the cycle.

Fatherless children are more vulnerable to suffer from societal ills. According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, children who are raised without a father are more likely to be poor, have higher drop-out rates, are at a dramatically greater risk of drug and alcohol abuse, are more likely to commit criminal acts and are more likely to get pregnant as teenagers than those raised in two-parent homes.

Members of the Congressional Black Caucus have taken it upon themselves to address this problem. Representative DANNY K. DAVIS has sponsored National Dialogues on the State of the African American Male, discussing such topics as black male incarceration, drug

addiction and community building. While efforts such as these are a step in the right direction, more has to be done. It is going to take more than a few members of Congress to save black families.

While it is easy to identify the reason for the decline of black families, finding solutions is not so simple. However, not knowing the remedy for a situation should not be an excuse to ignore it. Acknowledging that the black community is suffering from the destruction of the black family is a necessary step to confront the issue and begin the process to reverse the effects of this devastating cycle.

The following Washington Post article by William Raspberry discusses the state of the black family.

#### WHY OUR BLACK FAMILIES ARE FAILING

"There is a crisis of unprecedented magnitude in the black community, one that goes to the very heart of its survival. The black family is failing."

Quibble if you will about the "unprecedented magnitude"—slavery wasn't exactly a high point of African American well-being. But there's no quarreling with the essence of the alarm sounded here last week by a gathering of Pentecostal clergy and the Seymour Institute for Advanced Christian Studies. What is happening to the black family in America is the sociological equivalent of global warming: easier to document than to reverse, inconsistent in its near-term effect—and disastrous in the long run.

Father absence is the bane of the black community, predisposing its children (boys especially, but increasingly girls as well) to school failure, criminal behavior and economic hardship, and to an intergenerational repetition of the grim cycle. The culprit, the ministers (led by the Rev. Eugene Rivers III of Boston, president of the Seymour Institute) agreed, is the decline of marriage.

Kenneth B. Johnson, a Seymour senior fellow who has worked in youth programs, says he often sees teenagers "who've never seen a wedding."

The concern is not new. As Rivers noted at last week's National Press Club news conference, the late Daniel Patrick Moynihan sounded the alarm 40 years ago, only to be "condemned and pilloried as misinformed, malevolent and even racist."

What is new is the understanding of how deep and wide is the reach of declining marriage—and the still-forming determination to do something about it.

When Moynihan issued his controversial study, roughly a quarter of black babies were born out of wedlock; moreover, it was largely a low-income phenomenon. The proportion now tops two-thirds, with little prospect of significant decline, and has moved up the socioeconomic scale.

There have been two main explanations. At the low-income end, the disproportionate incarceration, unemployment and early death of black men make them unavailable for marriage. At the upper-income level, it is the fact that black women are far likelier than black men to complete high school, attend college and earn the professional credentials that would render them "eligible" for marriage.

Both explanations are true. But black men aren't born incarcerated, crime-prone drop-outs. What principally renders them vulnerable to such a plight is the absence of fathers and their stabilizing influence.

Fatherless boys (as a general rule) become ineligible to be husbands—though no less likely to become fathers—and their children fall into the patterns that render them ineligible to be husbands.

The absence of fathers means, as well, that girls lack both a pattern against which to

measure the boys who pursue them and an example of sacrificial love between a man and a woman. As the ministers were at pains to say last week, it isn't the incompetence of mothers that is at issue but the absence of half of the adult support needed for families to be most effective.

Interestingly, they blamed the black church for abetting the decline of the black family—by moderating virtually out of existence its once stern sanctions against extramarital sex and childbirth and by accepting the present trends as more or less inevitable.

They didn't say—but might have—that black America's almost reflexive search for outside explanations for our internal problems delayed the introspective examination that might have slowed the trend. What we have now is a changed culture—a culture whose worst aspects are reinforced by oversexualized popular entertainment and that places a reduced value on the things that produced nearly a century of socioeconomic improvement. For the first time since slavery, it is no longer possible to say with assurance that things are getting better.

As the Rev. Jesse Jackson said in a slightly different context, "What began as a problem has deteriorated into a condition. Problems require solving; conditions require healing."

How to start the healing? Rivers and his colleagues hope to use their personal influence, a series of marriage forums and their well-produced booklet, "God's Gift: A Christian Vision of Marriage and the Black Family," to launch a serious, national discussion and action program.

In truth, though, the situation is so critical—and its elements so interconnected and self-perpetuating—that there is no wrong place to begin. When you find yourself in this sort of a hole, someone once said, the first thing to do is stop digging.

#### IN HONOR AND RECOGNITION OF RICHARD CORDRAY

#### HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 25, 2005*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Richard Cordray, an outstanding public servant who has recently been named the 2005 County Leader of the Year. In his many years of service he has proven his dedication to the betterment of the constituents he serves, and as Treasurer of Franklin County, Ohio, he has redefined his post to accommodate the particular needs of the county and the people who belong to it.

A man full of ideas and enthusiasm, Richard is always ready to think outside the box to find a solution that works for everyone, and he never loses touch with the higher goal of improving the quality of life for all whom he serves.

Richard's ingenuity, combined with a sincere and determined desire to help people, has driven him to create numerous programs to help the citizens of Franklin County learn to help themselves. From providing public services to seniors in danger of losing their homes to foreclosures and back taxes to establishing educational programs to help high school students become financially responsible at a young age, Richard finds inventive solutions to many chronic problems faced by the community of Franklin County. With his ability to look beyond what is, to see what could be, Richard is a shining example of the kind of public serv-

ants who are really making incredible and lasting changes in their communities.

Richard frequently goes above and beyond the call of duty with programs that seek to improve financial literacy, but even within his conventional job description he shines. In the last year alone, he has collected over \$77 million in unpaid back real estate and personal property taxes. Due to his interest in all aspects of county operations, he is able to help on both the micro and macro level and the positive effects of his programs and policies are truly improving the lives of the entire community.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and recognition of Richard Cordray for his years of outstanding service to his community. His ability to seek out the greatest needs of his community and fill those needs is to be commended and admired. Through his energy and dedication he has had a tangible affect on the lives of many in Franklin County and deserves our sincere appreciation.

#### RESOLUTION HONORING THE CAREER OF LANCE ARMSTRONG

#### HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 25, 2005*

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing a resolution honoring and congratulating Lance Armstrong upon his retirement from professional cycling following his 7th successive victory of the Tour de France. One of the world's most grueling athletic events, this year's Tour de France bicycling race covered 2,254 miles in 21 days.

Aside from his many victories as a racer, Lance Armstrong has become a household name, vital to the promotion of cycling as a sport, a healthy fitness activity, and a pollution-free transportation alternative. These athletic accomplishments are even more dramatic considering his successful battle against widespread cancer. Lance has become a role model to cancer patients and his efforts through the Lance Armstrong Foundation have helped to advance cancer research, diagnosis, treatment, and after-treatment services.

The resolution being introduced today is a deserving tribute to Lance Armstrong and his Tour de France victory, commitment to cancer awareness and survivorship, and promotion of bicycling.

#### IN MEMORY OF COLONEL BENNIE HOWARD MANN

#### HON. CHRISTOPHER COX

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 25, 2005*

Mr. COX. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a distinguished constituent of mine, Colonel Bennie Mann of Laguna Woods, California. Bennie Mann's recent passing follows an inspiring, 31-year career as one of the finest helicopter pilots in the United States Armed Forces.

Bennie was born in Yuma, Arizona, on May 31, 1928, to Mr. and Mrs. Bennie H. Mann, Sr. After Colonel Mann graduated from Yuma Union High School in 1946, he attended Arizona State University at Tempe. He joined the Navy in 1950, traveling to Korea aboard the

U.S.S. Essex. He was selected for the Aviation Cadet Program the following year, and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps in 1953.

Following a second tour of duty in Korea and an assignment to instructor duty with the training command at Naval Air Station Pensacola, Florida, Bennie was transferred to the Marine Corps Air Station in Cherry Point, North Carolina. In 1960, he was ordered to the Second Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, for duty with the Force Communications Company.

Bennie, then a captain, received a military science degree from the University of Omaha. After attending the Junior Officers' Course at Quantico, Virginia, in 1962, Mann became a helicopter pilot based in Santa Ana, California. In December 1964, then-Major Mann departed for Vietnam, serving as operations officer and executive officer of Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 163 before moving to Washington, DC, to serve in the policy analysis and career planning branches of the Marine Corps headquarters.

Mann returned to Vietnam in December 1969, serving as commanding officer of HMM-161 and as executive officer of MAG-16. After a year in Vietnam, he returned to Santa Ana, where he remained until 1972. In due course, Mann's leadership was rewarded with a promotion to the rank of colonel. He then received an MBA degree from Pepperdine University and joined the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, serving as assistant chief of staff before assuming command of MAG-16 in 1977. In June 1978, Colonel Mann became chief of staff of the Third Marine Amphibious Force, Okinawa, Japan.

Colonel Mann retired from the United States Marine Corps on December 23, 1981. He was the first Marine helicopter pilot in our Nation's history to be awarded the Navy Cross. Colonel Mann was the deserving recipient of a host of other awards, including the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal, and 37 Air Medals. Colonel Mann recently passed away, and was buried at Arlington National Cemetery on July 7. He is survived by his wife Carroll of Laguna Woods, California, his sons George and Russ, his daughter Connie Lee Coln, his nine grandchildren, and his six great-grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the California delegation and the people of Orange County, I am honored to salute Colonel Mann for his service to this great country and to extend my condolences to his friends and family.

#### USA PATRIOT AND TERRORISM PREVENTION REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2005

SPEECH OF

#### HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 21, 2005*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3199) to extend and modify authorities needed to combat terrorism, and for other purpose:

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Chairman, I voted against the PATRIOT Act four years ago and I remain opposed to it. While I support a number of the tools the PATRIOT Act grants to law enforcement in the fight to combat terrorism, it went too far in eroding important civil liberties, limiting the right to due process, and unnecessarily targeting immigrants.

The PATRIOT Act reauthorization process gives Congress a crucial opportunity and responsibility to reevaluate some of the decisions that were made in the emotional and fear-filled weeks following the 9/11 terrorist attacks and improve national security without jeopardizing personal liberty. The only reason we are having this debate over controversial provisions within the PATRIOT Act is because Congress agreed to set sunsets on these provisions four years ago. Minimally, the sunsets on the original 16 expiring provisions should be retained so that Congress can reconsider these new federal powers in the future if they prove too expansive.

H.R. 3199 fails to restore proper checks and balances and leaves everyday American citizens vulnerable to unnecessary and unreasonable government intrusion. Overbroad and overzealous investigations cloaked in secrecy have already had a chilling effect on Americans in their practice of freedom of speech, religion, and associations. The PATRIOT Act places these freedoms in jeopardy.

Although proponents of the bill have argued that there are no known abuses of the new law enforcement powers granted by the PATRIOT Act, because of the way the law is written, Congress has no way to know whether or not abuses have occurred. We do know that hundreds of immigrants and citizens have been detained or spied on for no reason other than their religion or nationality. Also, more than 200 libraries have been asked to turn over their records to law enforcement officials, and the sneak and peak search provision has been used at least 248 times to search homes and offices without notifying the occupants.

The USA PATRIOT Act threatens the rights of all Americans. A CBS News poll found that 52 percent of Americans were either 'very concerned' or 'somewhat concerned' about losing civil liberties as a result of the PATRIOT Act. According to a CNN/Gallup poll, 64 percent believe the government should take steps to protect additional acts of terrorism but not if those steps would violate our civil liberties.

I join the majority of Americans who want to protect our nation's security while preserving Constitutional freedoms and civil liberties. Sweeping and unnecessary federal surveillance and unchecked law enforcement powers undermine the rights that are the cornerstone of our democracy.

The Constitution that I carry is not a Republican document, it is not a Democratic document, it is an American document that we want to preserve. The PATRIOT Act is an affront to our civil rights and civil liberties, as guaranteed by our Constitution.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. LUIS V. GUTIERREZ**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 25, 2005*

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, I was inadvertently absent from this Chamber on July

22, 2005. I would like the RECORD to show that, had I been present, I would have voted "no" on rollcall vote 402.

HONORING EMILIO NICOLAS, SR.

**HON. CHARLES A. GONZALEZ**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 25, 2005*

Mr. GONZALEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of the pioneers of Spanish-language television and a tireless advocate for Latinos throughout the United States, Mr. Emilio Nicolas, Sr. He was instrumental in establishing KWEX, Ch. 41 as San Antonio's Spanish-language station and as the United States' first Spanish-language station. KWEX became the cornerstone of the network that would become Univision, and brought Spanish-language television to millions of Latinos. His life is a testament to the ethic of hard work and striving to reach seemingly impossible goals.

Born in Frontera, Coahuila, Mexico in 1930, Emilio Nicolas, Sr. came to the United States to learn English and attend St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas. Graduating in 1951 with a Bachelor's in biology and chemistry and a minor in math, Mr. Nicolas then turned his considerable focus to earning a Master's at Trinity University in San Antonio in 1952 before going to work for the Southwest Foundation as a researcher on arteriosclerosis and the polio vaccine.

In 1955, he left the field of science to enter the burgeoning world of television when he joined KCOR TV, America's first fulltime Spanish-language station, as a producer and director of news. By day, he oversaw the news department, and by night, he produced the live programming the station beamed into the homes across San Antonio. I find this career change remarkable since television was just beginning to earn its now dominant role in our society and he encountered a world of naysayers who told him a Spanish language station could never be as profitable or viable as English stations. Mr. Nicolas proved both Wall Street and Madison Avenue wrong.

In 1961, Emilio Nicolas, Sr. and his group of partners bought KCOR, renamed it KWEX, and used the station as one of the first building blocks of the Spanish International Network which was eventually sold and became Univision. As the station's president and general manager, Mr. Nicolas ensured that the station served the needs and interests of the local Mexican-American community. Through his leadership, he made Spanish-language broadcasting viable throughout the country by demonstrating it could be profitable. Mr. Nicolas took corporate responsibility seriously, using the broadcasting platform he built as a tool to champion the needs of the Hispanic community. His success in lobbying Congress in the 1960s to mandate that all television sets be equipped to receive both VHF and UHF signals, was an indispensable part of that effort.

Mr. Nicolas, who became president of SICC, the station group for the network, provided a cultural venue to Latinos at a time when images of our community were scarce and often negative. The big three networks dominated the airwaves and the inclusion promised to mi-

norities during the 1960's had yet to occur. So, if television can be said to be a mirror for our nation, then the reflection Latinos saw at that time was distorted and unrepresentative. Mr. Emilio Nicolas, Sr. changed all that with KWEX.

Moreover, he served the community at large in a number of other ways. In 1975, Emilio Nicolas, Sr. started the Teleton Navideno, a televised drive to raise money for the less fortunate in San Antonio during the holidays, in which Archbishop Patrick Flores would eventually participate. He was Chairman of the National Association of Spanish Broadcasters and served on the boards of the University of the Incarnate Word, Southwest Foundation, the University of Texas College of Communications, the University of Texas Health Science Center, the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund, and the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce. As should be obvious, Mr. Nicolas's considerable time and energy affected numerous facets of life for Latinos in our community and throughout the United States. Moreover, his efforts and influence were crucial in the amnesty legislation of 1986 which made United States citizenship a reality for hardworking people from all over the world.

In this age of mass communication, some say if you can't see an event on television, it does not actually happen, so a pioneer like Mr. Emilio Nicolas, Sr. was crucial for Latinos. His years of service to the Latino community have changed our lot for the better and we owe him a debt of gratitude.

IN HONOR OF PAUL WINCHELL

**HON. JERROLD NADLER**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 25, 2005*

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and accomplishments of Paul Winchell, who passed away on Friday, June 24th.

Paul was born in Manhattan's Lower East Side on December 21, 1922. He studied ventriloquism from an early age, overcoming speech impediments and a difficult family life. He would go on to become one of the great pioneers of early television, bringing a smile to every household with his ventriloquism act on the Paul Winchell-Jerry Mahoney show in the 1950's.

To younger generations, Paul was best known as the voice of Tigger, the loveable tiger from Walt Disney's adaptation of "Winnie the Pooh." He also played numerous roles on children's programs such as the Jetsons, the Smurfs, the Brady Bunch, and the Beverly Hillbillies. But Paul was much more than an entertainer—he was also an innovative thinker and inventor with thirty patents.

In 1959, Paul decided to return to school and attended Columbia University. Later, he pursued graduate work in acupuncture and hypnosis. His education led to projects for the American Red Cross and the Leukemia Society. In 1963 he joined forces with Doctor Henry Heimlich, and together they developed and patented the first early artificial heart. Rather than use his invention for profit, he donated the heart to the University of Utah, where it served as the prototype for Dr. Robert

Jarvik's first successful artificial heart implant in 1982.

Paul Winchell lived a life of unparalleled diversity. Whether making children smile or improving lives through innovation, he dedicated his talents to the betterment of his surroundings, and I request that we honor him for a life well lived.

USA PATRIOT AND TERRORISM  
PREVENTION REAUTHORIZATION  
ACT OF 2005

SPEECH OF

**HON. EARL POMEROY**

OF NORTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 21, 2005*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3199) to extend and modify authorities needed to combat terrorism, and for other purposes:

Mr. POMEROY. Mr. Chairman, I rise today to say that I will be voting for H.R. 3199, the USA PATRIOT and Terrorism Prevention Reauthorization Act, with the expectation that this bill's flaws will be fixed in conference negotiations with the Senate.

I support reauthorizing the PATRIOT Act because it provides for the continuation of much-needed, modernized criminal and intelligence investigating tools that bolster the ability of federal authorities to combat the threat of terrorism. However, I believe that these powers should be properly tailored to ensure that the legislation meets its intended purpose and does not allow for unnecessarily broad searches and surveillance of innocent Americans.

The bill we are considering today takes many good steps towards reauthorizing the tools necessary to combat terrorism. However, I believe that this bill can be improved by tightening the ability to conduct roving wiretaps and inserting provisions to re-evaluate measures to assure accountability and effective congressional oversight. Despite my concerns with H.R. 3199, I am going to vote for this bill based on the expectation that this bill's shortcomings will be significantly improved during negotiations with the Senate.

FOREIGN RELATIONS AUTHORIZATION  
ACT, FISCAL YEARS 2006  
AND 2007

SPEECH OF

**HON. HILDA L. SOLIS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 20, 2005*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2601) to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal years 2006 and 2007, and for other purposes:

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Chairman, I rise in support of this amendment and the effort to bring attention to the murders of more than 400 women and girls over the past 12 years in the border town of Ciudad Juárez, Mexico and Chihuahua City, Mexico. The latest victims of

this violence, two 7- and 10-year-old girls, were raped and brutally murdered in May.

As the author of House Concurrent Resolution 90, which has garnered more than 100 bipartisan cosponsors, I know we must do more to help end these murders, bring the true perpetrators to justice, and bring closure to the families of victims who have disappeared but their bodies never identified.

Women and young girls from all parts of Mexico have migrated to Ciudad Juárez, just 5 minutes from the U.S. border, in hopes of finding work, including jobs at American-owned maquiladoras. Women have been kidnapped on their way home from work at the maquiladoras, and many are later found in deserted or abandoned areas—with their bodies showing signs of rape, torture and mutilation.

I have worked closely with my House and Senate colleagues on this resolution and other efforts to encourage the Bush administration to put pressure on the Mexican government to protect the women in Ciudad Juárez and bring their murderers and rapists to justice.

This spring, I worked with Senator BINGAMAN from New Mexico to ensure USAID funding for independent forensic investigators from Argentina to work in Ciudad Juárez. These independent investigators are working to identify up to 70 victims who up until now have been nameless casualties of horrific violence. The Reyes amendment, as well as my resolution, states the importance of these independent, impartial efforts.

I was also pleased to learn that the United States Ambassador to Mexico, Tony Garza, traveled to Ciudad Juárez yesterday to meet with the independent forensic investigators and the District Attorney for the State of Chihuahua. It is important that the United States continues to work with Mexico not only to identify remains of women already murdered, but also to thoroughly investigate these crimes and bring an end to the murders.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,

*Washington, DC, May 3, 2005.*

Mr. ADOLFO FRANCO,

*Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Latin American and the Caribbean, U.S. Agency for International Development, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. FRANCO: As you know, we are very concerned about the murders and disappearances of women in Ciudad Juárez and Chihuahua, Mexico. We have visited Ciudad Juárez and have led Congressional Delegations to Juárez on several occasions, and we recently introduced Congressional Resolutions (H. Con. Res. 90 and S. Con. Res. 16) encouraging the U.S. government to help Mexico resolve this tragedy.

In our visits with the families of missing and murdered women, they have told us that they are requesting the services of independent experts to help identify their family members. There are more than 60 unknown victims in Ciudad Juárez and Chihuahua that require forensic and DNA testing. There are also families that are requesting identification services because they have credible doubts about the results of prior forensic testing.

It has been our understanding that USAID had been making progress to assist in this very important forensic effort to identify all of the unknown victims. However, without any rationale, we have been informed that USAID will no longer be able to assist in the effort to secure independent scientists to conduct exhumations and forensic testing.

We have attempted to call you to find out why these efforts have been stalled, without

success. We, along with our other congressional colleagues, are committed to alleviating the anguish and uncertainty of many families of their missing and murdered family members. Please provide us with a detailed explanation as to whether or not USAID will be able to fund independent forensic testing to help identify the remains of the missing or unknown victims. A timely response would be appreciated by May 11, 2005.

Sincerely,

HILDA L. SOLIS,  
*Member of Congress.*  
JEFF BINGAMAN,  
*U.S. Senator.*

U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT,

WASHINGTON, DC, MAY 31, 2005.

Hon. HILDA L. SOLIS,  
*House of Representatives,*  
*Washington, DC.*

DEAR CONGRESSWOMAN SOLIS: Thank you for your inquiry of May 3, 2005, concerning the U.S. Agency for International Development's (USAID) forensic capacity building program in Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua. We share your concerns and understand the anguish of the numerous families of missing and murdered women in Chihuahua. We are committed to provide technical assistance to the government of Chihuahua for criminal justice reforms so that both countries can collaborate in finding solutions and bringing an end to this tragedy.

USAID appreciates your acknowledgement of the progress the Agency has made in addressing the myriad of inter-related justice concerns in Ciudad Juárez. While not a typical area of assistance, given the importance of supporting the State's interest in bringing emotional closure and relief to the victims' families, and its close relation to our criminal justice reform objectives, we are in the process of securing final approval to support forensics capacity building in Chihuahua.

In the meantime, USAID has been instrumental in bringing together the state Attorney General and the internationally-respected Argentine Forensic Team. Last week, at a meeting facilitated by our USAID Mission in Mexico, Attorney General Patricia Gonzalez not only agreed to have the Argentine Forensic Team identify up to 70 bodies, but also agreed to assume some of the financial responsibilities.

With the approval to fund forensic capacity building work and training of related law enforcement personnel under our criminal justice program, USAID will be prepared to contribute up to an estimated \$300,000 for laboratory fees and forensics training. We are working closely to ensure that the identification of these bodies by independent top caliber scientists will be a collaborative, binational effort.

We truly appreciate your support and recognition of USAID's ability to provide the necessary technical assistance to the State of Chihuahua. We are trying to expedite our internal bureaucratic hurdles; and request your kind patience and confidence that soon, USAID along with the Argentine Forensic Team will bring relief to many Mexican families.

Thank you, once again, for your concerns and interest in this matter. We will keep you closely updated on USAID activities and developments related to Ciudad Juárez. If we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Sincerely,

J. EDWARD FOX,  
*Assistant Administrator,*  
*Bureau for Legislative and Public Affairs.*

HONORING THE MEMORY OF SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER DWAYNE REEVES

**HON. DONALD M. PAYNE**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 25, 2005*

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the memory of a courageous and dedicated New Jersey law enforcement professional, Special Police Officer Dwayne Reeves, whose tragic loss in the line of duty is being mourned by our entire community. Family, friends, supporters, and members of the extended law enforcement family will gather tomorrow as Officer Reeves is laid to rest with full honors following a funeral service at New Hope Baptist Church in Newark.

At 35 years old, Officer Reeves made a positive impact during the four years he served with the Newark, New Jersey Police Department. He was proud to serve on the newly created Newark Public School Police Force, and worked diligently in that position. Tragically, on July 18, he was struck down outside his assigned school as he was carrying out his responsibilities as a law enforcement officer. As Newark School Superintendent Marion Bolton noted, had it not been for Officer Reeves' heroic action in containing the incident, the safety of students inside the school could have been put in grave jeopardy.

Officer Reeves' career with the Newark Police Force was meaningful and filled with promise. Respected and well-liked, he earned a reputation during his four years with the force as an officer who wanted nothing more than to serve his community honorably. Officer Reeves thrived on community outreach as he also worked a second job with the Newark Housing Authority Police Unit. His loss will be deeply felt by all who knew him and worked with him.

I ask my colleagues here in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in paying tribute to the memory of this outstanding public servant and in offering our deepest condolences to his wife, Rahnisha Reeves; his children Ashley, K'Ya, Amaad, Amiir and Ta'ona, his moth-

er, Delois Reeves-Garvin; his father, John Jackson and his stepfather, Henry Garvin.

**A TRIBUTE TO PAUL RUSESABAGINA**

**HON. TOM LANTOS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, July 25, 2005*

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, in light of President Bill Clinton's statement this weekend regarding responsibility for the 1994 slaughter of innocent civilians in Rwanda, I would like to recognize the extraordinary courage of Paul Rusesabagina, whom I had the distinct pleasure of meeting with just last month. Mr. Rusesabagina's story is one of true heroism and the triumph of the human spirit over evil, and I was humbled to be in the presence of such a courageous individual whose actions saved the lives of more than 1,000 people in yet another dark period in the world's history.

The Rwandan genocide of 1994 is one of the greatest tragedies of our time, and a shameful chapter in human history. In the span of only 100 days, more than 800,000 Tutsis and moderate Hutus were systematically murdered by the Rwandan military and the Interhamwe militia, with the intent to annihilate the entire Tutsi population. With the exception of a handful of peacekeepers, the international community, fully cognizant of what was happening, failed to come to a consensus to authorize a humanitarian intervention to stop the genocide. The survival of countless Rwandans was left to the conscience of courageous individuals, such as Paul Rusesabagina (who heroically took a stand in the name of humanity), and a Tutsi rebel army attacking from neighboring Uganda.

While acting as manager of the Belgian owned Hotel Mille Collines during the April-July genocide, Paul Rusesabagina provided a safe-haven for over 1,200 Tutsis and Hutus who were defenseless and almost certainly marked for death, ensuring their safety through bribes, skillful negotiation, and diplomatic persuasion of Hutu military com-

manders. A Hutu himself, Mr. Rusesabagina, through his actions, put his own life in danger, as well as those of his Tutsi wife, Tatiana, and their young children. These selfless acts of heroism not only saved hundreds of innocent human beings, but also served as a beacon of light in a time of terrible darkness. Future generations of people around the world should find inspiration in his actions, and his story to be an affirmation of the resilience of human compassion.

Mr. Rusesabagina has spent his years since the Rwandan tragedy as an ardent champion of human rights around the globe, continuing to struggle selflessly for those who are voiceless and in the most need. In fact, he recently spoke on Capitol Hill about the plight of the over 17 million refugees worldwide, bringing needed attention to this much neglected issue. Mr. Rusesabagina was the recipient of Amnesty International's Enduring Spirit award and I would like to continue to honor him through this congressional recognition.

When I met with Paul Rusesabagina, we were joined by Hassan Jallow, the chief prosecutor for the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda. This was a truly historic meeting, bringing together a hero who struggled against tragic circumstances, with an advocate who is charged with seeking justice for victims of those same atrocities. Their interaction gave me hope in the triumph of peace and justice, and in the endurance of humanity.

Mr. Speaker, my wife Annette and I have been tireless in our mission to promote international human rights, and it was this sense of duty that led us in 1983 to create the Congressional Human Rights Caucus. The Congressional Human Rights Caucus, CHRC, is a bipartisan working group on international human rights of over 218 Members of the House of Representatives which works to promote international human rights around the world. Actions such as those of Paul Rusesabagina give us hope.

Mr. Speaker, I invite all my colleagues to join me in honoring Paul Rusesabagina, an extraordinary person who risked his life to save hundreds of others, and one who continues to devote his life to those in need.

## SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, July 26, 2005 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

## MEETINGS SCHEDULED

## JULY 27

9:30 a.m.

## Indian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine S. 1439, to provide for Indian trust asset management reform and resolution of historical accounting claims.

SH-216

## Judiciary

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

SD-226

10 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
Disaster Prevention and Prediction Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine all-hazards alert systems, focusing on the need for a national all-hazards alert and public warning system.

SR-253

## Finance

To hold hearings to examine the role of value-based purchasing relating to improving quality in Medicare.

SD-215

## Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

## Forestry, Conservation, and Rural Revitalization Subcommittee

To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Conservation Reserve Program.

SR-328A

## Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To resume hearings to examine the appropriate Federal role regarding chemical facility security.

SD-562

2:30 p.m.

## Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine S. 1372, to provide for the accuracy of television ratings services.

SR-253

## Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

## Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine financial management at the Securities and Exchange Commission.

SD-562

## Intelligence

To receive a closed briefing regarding intelligence matters.

SH-219

## Aging

To hold hearings to examine the victimization of elderly through scams.

SD-106

3 p.m.

Energy and Natural Resources  
Energy Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine recent progress in hydrogen and fuel cell research sponsored by the Department of Energy and by private industry, including challenges to the development of these technologies.

SD-366

## JULY 28

9:30 a.m.

## Indian Affairs

To hold oversight hearings to examine the implementation of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (P.L. 101-601).

SR-485

## Judiciary

Business meeting to consider S. 1088, to establish streamlined procedures for collateral review of mixed petitions, amendments, and defaulted claims, S. 103, to respond to the illegal production, distribution, and use of methamphetamine in the United States, proposed Personal Data Privacy and Security Act of 2005, S. 751, to require Federal agencies, and persons engaged in interstate commerce, in possession of data containing personal information, to disclose any unauthorized acquisition of such information, S. 1326, to require agencies and persons in possession of computerized data containing sensitive personal information, to disclose security breaches where such breach poses a significant risk of identity theft, S. 155, to increase and enhance law enforcement resources committed to investigation and prosecution of violent gangs, to deter and punish violent gang crime, to protect law-abiding citizens and communities from violent criminals, to revise and enhance criminal penalties for violent crimes, to reform and facilitate prosecution of juvenile gang members who commit violent crimes, to expand and improve gang prevention programs, S. 1086, to improve the national program to register and monitor individuals who commit crimes against children or sex offenses, S. 956, to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide assured punishment for violent crimes against children, and S. 1197, to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994.

SD-226

## Veterans' Affairs

Business meeting to consider the nominations of James Philip Terry, of Virginia, to be Chairman of the Board of Veterans' Appeals, and Charles S. Ciccolella, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training, both of the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and S. 1182, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve health care for veterans, S. 716, to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance services provided by vet centers, to clarify and improve the provision of bereavement counseling by the Department of Veterans Affairs, S. 1234, to increase, effective as of December 1, 2005, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and S. 1235, to amend chapters 19 and 37 of title 38, United States Code, to extend the availability of \$400,000 in coverage under the servicemembers' life insur-

ance and veterans' group life insurance programs.

SR-418

10 a.m.

## Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Business meeting to markup S. 190, to address the regulation of secondary mortgage market enterprises, S. 705, to establish the Interagency Council on Meeting the Housing and Service Needs of Seniors, and H.R. 804, to exclude from consideration as income certain payments under the national flood insurance program.

SD-538

## Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Business meeting to consider S. 1408, to strengthen data protection and safeguards, require data breach notification, and further prevent identity theft.

SR-253

## Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine NASA passenger aircraft.

SD-562

## Energy and Natural Resources

## National Parks Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine S. 584 and H.R. 432, bills to require the Secretary of the Interior to allow the continued occupancy and use of certain land and improvements within Rocky Mountain National Park, S. 652, to provide financial assistance for the rehabilitation of the Benjamin Franklin National Memorial in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and the development of an exhibit to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the birth of Benjamin Franklin, S. 958, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Star-Spangled Banner Trail in the States of Maryland and Virginia and the District of Columbia as a National Historic Trail, S. 1154, to extend the Acadia National Park Advisory Commission, to provide improved visitor services at the park, S. 1166, to extend the authorization of the Kalaupapa National Historical Park Advisory Commission, and S. 1346, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study of maritime sites in the State of Michigan.

SD-366

## Joint Economic Committee

To hold hearings to examine alternative automotive technologies and energy efficiency.

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2:30 p.m.

## Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine issues related to MGM v. Grokster and the appropriate balance between copyright protection and communications technology innovation.

SR-253

## SEPTEMBER 20

10 a.m.

## Veterans' Affairs

To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of the American Legion.

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## POSTPONEMENTS

## JULY 27

9:30 a.m.

## Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to assess the status of efforts to reduce greenhouse gases relating to the Kyoto Protocol.

SD-406